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In the Specification:

Please amend the Specification of the above-identified application as follows.

Please delete the paragraph on page 8 line 8.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 9 as follows:

-- Fig. 1 depicts the first shaping device to be used for the method of the invention with the stabilizing device to be used optionally;

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 12 as follows:

-- Fig. 2 is a detailed view of said stabilizing device;

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 13 as follows:

-- Fig. 3 depicts a shaping element of the second shaping device with said first shaping device inserted;

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 15 as follows:

-- Fig. 4 is a further shaping element of said second shaping device;

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 17 as follows:

-- Fig. 5 depicts the closed, screwed second shaping device;

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 18 as follows:

-- Fig. 6 depicts the expanded body obtained with the manufacturing method of
the invention;

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 20 as follows:

-- Fig. 7 is a cross-sectional view of the body;

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 21 as follows:

-- Fig. 8 depicts the opened third shaping device;

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 22 as follows:

-- Fig. 9 depicts the closed third shaping device with expanded body;

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 23 as follows:

-- Fig. 10 depicts a cross-sectional view of the expanded body after further
processing by means of said third shaping device.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 1 as follows:

-- Figure 1 shows the first shaping device 3 in a general view. Reference numeral 2 relates to a substantially cylindrical body attached to one of the two ends, to be used preferably as a handle, thus facilitating handling of the shaping device during deposit of the fibers according to the invention. The cylindrical body 2 preferably comprises an internal thread to allow a screw connection with the stabilizing device. Reference numerals 3a and 3c relate to end portions with substantially circular cross-sections with diameters of between 0.5 cm and 10 cm, ~~preferred~~preferably between 2 cm and 5 cm and in particular ~~preferred~~preferably between 3 cm and 4 cm. Reference numeral 3b shows the center portion having a diminishing diameter. The center portion has a minimum external diameter of 0.5 cm to 10 cm, ~~preferred~~preferably between 2 and 3 cm and in particular ~~preferred~~preferably between 2.3 cm and 2.8 cm. It follows from this that the narrowest portion of the center portion has a preferred diameter of 65 to 75 percent of the diameter of the end portions.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 20 as follows:

-- The first shaping device has a substantially rotationally symmetrical shape. The first shaping device comprises a hollow space - not shown - in longitudinal direction to receive the stabilizing device 7, Reference numeral 7 shows the preferably cylindrically shaped stabilizing device, which is preferably made of metal, positioned inside. Reference

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numeral 10 relates to an annular enlargement of the stabilizing device which provides

additional stabilization in particular during deposit of the fibers, and a sealing.